



We will set out from Nový Jičín to the destination of our trip, to Valašské Meziříčí, via Bludovice and Hodslavice.

Valašské Meziříčí is located as if to represent the gate into Moravskoslezské Beskydy. It is situated at the junction of Rožnov Bečva and Vsetín Bečva. The first time it was mentioned in writing was in 1297; it has been called a town since 1377.

One of the prominent sights in the town is Žerotín Castle. The building of the castle was started by Jan of Pernštejn in 1538. In the middle of the 18th century the Renaissance castle was rebuilt in the baroque style. It had been the seat of the Žerotín stock until 1815. Then it belonged to the Kinský stock and from 1885 to 1909 the castle served as a women's prison.

Currently it is the centre of the cultural life. In its premises there is a theatre hall, in the basement there is M-club.

Another castle in the town is Kinský Castle. The Empire castle was built in place of the original administration building of the Rožnov-Krásensko estate; the building had been wooden up to the middle of the 18th century and in 1854 it was rebuilt into a manor house. An ample park with rare woody plants adjoins the castle.

Since 1949 the castle has been a seat of a museum, where we will find expositions of the town history, of glass from Valašské Meziříčí, of Gobelin tapestries, and of the timber school.

Another sight is the Holy Trinity Church, which had been used as a Renaissance cemetery church since its foundation at the end of the 16th century; later on a wooden nave with a gallery was added on to the church. Currently there is a lapidary of Renaissance and baroque statues.

The Moravian Gobelin Tapestry Manufactory is interesting; it is the only workshop of that kind in Moravia and Silesia. It was established in nearby Zašová in 1898 and ten years later it was transferred by its founder, Rudolf Schlattauer, to Meziříčí. Historical Gobelin tapestries are expertly restored in the manufactory and new ones are weaved after modern visual drafts.

The observatory is a very interesting building, too; it is situated in the southern outskirts of Valašské Meziříčí, on a hill called Stínadla. It was open to the public in 1955.

The Museum of Wallachian Ghosts, situated in the leisure centre, is frequently visited. It was open in 2002. We will find here a collection of figures of supernatural creatures, known from old myths, legends and fairy-tales from the region of Moravian Wallachia.



The Trip of Nový Jičín Valašské Meziříčí

